

**FY07 Five-Star Restoration Training Grant Sub-award**  
EPA Office of Water - Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

**Geographic location or area of activity:** Nationwide

**Description of activity:** The Five-Star Restoration Program was established in 1998 to foster community-based partnerships for on-the-ground wetlands and other waterbody restoration and education efforts. Each year, approximately 50 grants of \$5,000-\$20,000 are awarded through the Office of Water's collaboration with the Wildlife Habitat Council, the National Association of Counties, The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Southern Company. EPA's Five-Star Restoration Challenge Grant Program provides funding, technical support and information to help communities restore wetlands and riparian areas. In 2007, EPA and its partners awarded more than \$500,000 to 42 community-led wetland and streamside restoration projects nationwide. The FY07 projects are found across 26 states and three tribes. During FY07, efforts like these resulted in 6,376 acres of wetlands and 21.6 miles of streambank being restored and improved. Five-Star will also welcome a major new corporate sponsor in 2008, PG&E to help support projects in their coverage area in EPA Region 9. Challenges include support for long-term monitoring of project successes and outreach.

**Local partners:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, National Association of Counties, Wildlife Habitat Council, Southern Company

**Activity URL:** <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/07grants.html>